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MATSUI COMMEMORATES ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

(Washington, DC) – Congresswoman Doris O. Matsui (CA-5) issued the following statement in celebration of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, which began Sunday, May 1, 2005. This year's theme is *Liberty and Justice for All*.

"This year's theme for Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, *Liberty and Justice for All*, reminds us of all that Asian Americans and Pacific Island Americans have done and will continue to do in to insure our nation's commitment to equal justice for everyone.

"America is a stronger nation because of the many contributions Asian Americans and Pacific Island Americans have made. With a thriving community of more than 13 million individuals, Asian Americans and Pacific Island Americans have contributed to every segment of our society, from arts and sciences to technology and business. During this month we have an opportunity to focus on and share our traditions and rich culture with the entire nation."

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